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AMENDMENT - NON-FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Official Action mailed July 7, 2006.

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper (Pages 2-6).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper (Pages 7-13).